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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1942.

TO THE BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended December, 31st. 1942

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN AREA.

1.	(a).	Your district covers an area of	1,543 acres.
	(b).	Population (Registrar General's Census) Approx.	6,157.
	(c).	Number of inhabited houses end of 1942.	1,509.
		Number of families or separate occupiers	1,917.
	(d).	Rateable value (Reduced)	£16721. 0. 0.
	(e).	Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V.	£65.

UNEMPLOYMENT. The average number of unemployed for the year was 117 weekly, out of an insurable population of 1700 which is equivalent to 6·88%.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
(g).	Live Births. Legitimate				Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population mid 1942.
	Illegitimate				
(h).	Still births				Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)births.
(i).	Deaths				Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population (average).
					Headings 29 and 30.
(j).	Deaths from puerperal causes.				Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
	No. 29. Puerperal sepsis				
	Other puerperal causes.....				
	Total.....				

(k). Death Rate of infants under one year of age.....
All infants per 1,000 live births.....
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births..

(l). Cancer (all ages).....

(m). Deaths from Measles (all ages).....1..

(n). Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).....

(o). Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age).....

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.

SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. (i). MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. LESLIE WILLIAMS, L.M.S.S.A.

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR AND ENGINEER

J. E. Vaughan EVANS, F.S.I., M.I.M.& Cy.E., M.R.San.I., A.M.I.S.E., L.A.R.P. INSTRUCTOR.

W. H. WILLIAMS - EVACUATION OFFICER.

(ii). This section is identical to previous report.

SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i). WATER. The whole of the Town's Supply is now obtained from the Llanelly Rural District Council under agreement.

WATER WASTAGE. Repair of leaking water services and faulty fittings receives constant attention.

(ii). DRAINAGE AND SANITATION. The Town Sewerage is on a partially separate system with outfall to sea through Woodbrook Terrace on the South Side of the G.W.R. Main Line, and through a septic tank situated at the Old Harbour.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. The watercourse at the rear of Bethany Chapel and Dyfatty Stream are cleaned regularly. There was no flooding of New Street during the year.

3. (i). CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. The number of houses from which night soil is collected is 37.

(ii). SCAVENGING. House refuse is collected weekly in a Motor Lorry with Tarpaulin covering. In the busier parts of the Town, it is collected more frequently. It is deposited on the foreshore, the site is most convenient, being 400 yards away from the nearest house. The refuse aids in abating coast erosion at this point.

(iii). SALVAGE. The following quantities of salvaged materials were collected during the year :-

	Tns.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Waste paper.	20	9	1	-
Mixed Scrap metal.	8	3	1	-
Non-Ferrous metals	-	5	3	1
Rags, Textiles etc.	-	10	-	-
Bones	2	3	2	12
Bottles		90 dozen.		

(iv). SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Details of Inspection.

Houses inspected for nuisance.	28.
" fumegated after Infectious diseases.	17.
Factories.	19.
Dairies.	15.
Cowsheds.	11.
Ice-cream premises.	11.
Bakehouses.	3.
Slaughterhouse.	52.
Butchers' Shops.	364.
Cinema.	4.
Rat Infestation.	20.
Drains.	18.
Sewers	26.
Cess-pools.	4.
Water courses	15.
Back Lanes	5.
Public Convenioncos.	26.
Refuse tip.	12.
Water Supply.	78.

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

	Prelim.	Statut.	Total.
Repairs to walls and ceilings.	4	-	4
Repairs to floors, doors & windows.	12	-	12
Roof repairs.	7	-	7
Downpipes renewed or repaired	1	-	1
Dampness remedied	11	-	11
Houses connected to sewer	-	-	-
Drains repaired	4	-	4
Drains, blockages cleared	24	-	24
W.C. Pans repaired	2	-	2
Flushing systems cisterns repaired	4	-	4
Water service to houses	139	-	139
Repairs to fireplaces	9	-	9

Public Health Acts.

Number of Preliminary Notices served.	9.
" " " " complied with.	9.
Number of Statutory Notices served.	2.
" " " " complied with.	2.
Owners and others interviewed re Notices.	7.
Number of Notices served under Section 23-1925.	2.
Number of letters sent re connecting houses to sewer.	NIL.
Number of letters received re connecting houses to sewer.	NIL.
Number of Certificates issued under Section 34 of Factories Act, 1937.	NONE.
Number of Certificates issued under Section 6 of Housing Act 1935.	NIL.

(iv). SHOPS. No action was necessary under Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v). CAMPING SITES. There are no camping sites in the Urban Area.

(vi). SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action was necessary during the year.

(vii). SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such pools in the Urban area. During the summer months, sea bathing is enjoyed by a large number of inhabitants.

(viii). ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. Three houses were found to be infested.

4. SCHOOLS. The schools are kept in a sanitary condition. All schools are connected to the main sewer. A new 2" watermain has been laid on to the schools to provide the new School Kitchen with an adequate water supply.

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928. There are no premises where Rag Flock is manufactured.

LIVING VANS. Living Vans are not allowed to remain in the Urban Area.

COUNCIL'S PUBLIC CEMETERY. There were 29 burials during the year as compared with 16 for the previous year.

MORTUARY. 5 Post Mortem examinations were held in the Council's Mortuary, as compared with 8 for the previous year.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND BAKEHOUSES.

Number of Registered premises inspected during the year ... 19.
" " " " certified for lime washing... NIL.

A.R.P. The Carmarthenshire County Council is the scheme making authority and my Council work in conjunction with them. All services are fully manned and worked efficiently during exercises held in the area. A public cleansing centre has been completed at the Old Foundry, to cleanse 100 Males and 60 Females per hour. There are separate compartments for Male and Female personnel as well as the public. This is in addition to the cleansing facilities provided for wounded and contaminated casualties at the Central School.

DOMESTIC AND COMMUNAL AIR RAID SHELTERS.

	No. of persons for whom :		
	Accommodation is required.	Shelter is completed.	Work is in hand.
Domestic Shelters.	6512.	6419.	93.
Communal Shelters.	798	798	-
Total.	7310.	6217.	93.

EVACUATION. The Urban District has been designated a Reception Area under the Government's Evacuation Scheme. During the year 158 evacuated persons were accommodated in private dwellinghouses within the district. The number was made up as follows : Unaccompanied children 100; accompanied children 28; mothers 15; other adults 15. The Llanelly Rural District Council have established Sick Bays at Felinfoel, Llanelly, where minor cases of sickness are treated. In the event of serious accidents or operations, the patients are admitted into the Llanelly General Hospital, the Glanamman Hospital or the Carmarthen Infirmary. The number of children treated in the Sick Bays has been remarkably small and there have been but few cases of serious illness. The Welsh Board of Health have acquired premises in the centre of the Town which have been opened as a Social and Welfare Centre for the evacuees. All the arrangements in connection with the health, welfare and general comfort of the evacuees have proceeded smoothly and satisfactorily.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1). (a). Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 320.
(b). Number of inspections made for the purpose. 340.
(2). (a). Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. 7.
(b). Number of inspections made for the purpose. 7.

(3). Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. NIL.

(4). Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 2.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 2.

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:

(a). Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1). Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 10.

(2). Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :
(a). By Owners. 8.
(b). By Local Authority in default of owners. NIL.

(b). Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1). Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 2.

(2). Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :
(a). By Owners. 2.
(b). By Local Authority in default of Owners. NIL.

(c). Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1). Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made NIL.

(2). Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. NIL.

(d). Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1). Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. NIL.

(2). Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit. NIL.

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART iV - OVERCROWDING.

(a). (1). Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year. 12.

(2). Number of families dwelling therein. 15.

(3). Number of persons dwelling therein. 67.

(b). Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. NIL.

(c). (i). Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 1

(ii). Number of persons concerned in such cases. .8

(d). Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. NIL.

HOUSES BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. NIL.

VACANT HOUSES. There is one vacant house in the Urban Area which is undergoing repairs and will soon be occupied.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). MILK SUPPLY. There are 22 registered Milk Vendors in the area, eleven in the Urban Area.

Examinations of all registered premises with regard to cowsheds and dairies are made by the Surveyor and myself.

Number of Notices served to repair cowsheds.....4.
The Dairies are kept in a very good condition, and all cans and utensils are given particular attention.

96 Samples of Milk were taken under the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme and sent for examination. Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

10 samples were submitted for tubervulosis examination, all of which were found to be negative.

BUTTER AND CHEESE MAKERS. There are four in the district, and premises are kept very clean.

(b). MEAT etc. Bakehouses, Shops and Vehicles are regularly inspected and always kept under observations

Section 14 Food & Drugs Act 1938 - Nineteen Certificates were issued under this section during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE. Public Abattoir. This is the Council's property.
The Ministry of Food discontinued killing at the slaughterhouse on October 17th 1942. The premises are used as a Depot for receiving and distributing meat.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.	-	244	588	2594	113.
Number inspected.	-	244	568	2594	113.
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERVULOSIS Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	1	8	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	61 whole) livers 69 part) 3 H Qrts 1 F Qrt 2 Kidneys 7 Udders 3 Offals.	2 whole livers. 1 Kidney.	194 whole) livers. 59 part)	1 leg.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.		55·74.	0·53	9·84	0·88.
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY. Whole carcases condemned.	-	5	NIL	NIL	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	30	-	-	NIL.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	12·29	-	NIL	NIL.

Public Health Meat Regulations are complied with.

(c). ADULTERATION etc. No action has been necessary under the various powers.

(d). CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD. When necessary, samples are examined by the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

(e). NUTRITION. Advantage is taken at the Welfare Centre of instructing mothers as to the value of nutrition.

(f). SHELL-FISH. (Molluscan). There are no Shell-fish beds in the district.

SECTION F. - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

(2). Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied at the Council's expense when necessary, but owing to the immediate admission of cases of Diphtheria to the County Isolation Hospital, few cases receive antitoxin before admission. 13 cases were notified during the year.

There have been no cases of Malaria or Dysentry notified during the year.

According to Infectious Diseases Regulation 1927, a supply of Forms are provided for notification of Malaria, Dysentry, Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

No action has been necessary under the Public Health (Small-pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917. Disinfection of premises and articles exposed to infection is carried out by the Council.

NON-NOTIFIABLE ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There were no deaths from Influenza, making a death rate of

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. 77·30% of children under 5 years have been immunised. 84·09% of children and 5 years - 15 years have been immunised. Treatment is proceeding.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	13	5	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	2
Measles	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	70	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	2	-	-

(a). PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. No Action was necessary under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

(b). PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172 (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS).

Steps would be taken to prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory Tract from participating in the Milk Trade. No action was necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925.

There have been no cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which have refused Sanatorium treatment and who are not in suitable surroundings thus avoiding risk of conveying infection.

5. TUBERCULOSIS. New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5		1				1		
15								
25	3	1						
35								
45								
55								
65								
Totals	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT, 1942.

CIVILIANS ONLY.

	Males.	Females.
All causes		
Whooping Cough		
Influenza		
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System...		
Cancer		
Cerebral Haemorrhage		
Heart Disease		
Other Circulatory diseases		
Bronchitis		
Pneumonia (all forms)		
Other Respiratory diseases		
Other digestive diseases....		
Congenital debility and Premature Births.		
Senility		
Other violence		
Ill defined or N.K.		
Other defined diseases		

		IM.	DR.	IM.	DR.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	Legitimate Illegitimate				
Live Births	Legitimate Illegitimate Total				
Stillbirths	Legitimate Illegitimate Total.				
Population.	a. b.				
Comparability Factor					

General Register Office,

Somerset House,

LONDON, W.C.2.

March, 1943.

We remain,

Your obedient Servants,

R. LESLIE WILLIAMS, M.O.H.

J. E. VAUGHAN EVANS, SANITARY INSPECTOR.